



## *The Old Ironsides Report*

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### **MPs fight Iraqis and 120-degree temperatures to save their comrades**

**Three MP Companies and some infantrymen all join in the fight**

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – On the hottest day of the year thus far in Iraq, the actions of soldiers of the 812th and 32nd Military Police Companies thwarted the actions of former regime loyalists during an ambush that wounded three soldiers from the 186th MP Company in downtown Baghdad Aug. 7.

Two 32nd MP teams were returning to base from an escort mission when they came upon two Humvees from the 186th that were pulling over onto a median. Seconds later, the 32nd noticed an explosion from one of the 186th vehicles. As the 32nd started maneuvering to respond to the explosion, they began to receive small-arms fire from an adjacent building.

While under fire, the 32nd called in for medical support for the three soldiers who were wounded by the explosion. The 32nd then called their battalion, the 519th MP Battalion, for MP support. The commander of the 812th MP Company, Capt. Vance Kuhner, was at the battalion with his security team and quickly rushed to the scene.

By the time Kuhner arrived, he lent support to some infantry soldiers who had already responded along with a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. As the Bradley opened fire on the building, Kuhner told one of his squads to join the infantry soldiers to clear the building after the Bradley ceased firing.

His MP squad, some 200 meters away, ran up to the building to join the infantrymen. The soldiers rushed the objective, running in temperatures in excess of 120 degrees Fahrenheit and wearing their heavy battle gear. Determined to help their fellow soldiers, they continued on with their mission.

"It was like fighting in Hades," said Kuhner. "The squad of soldiers who went in to clear that building are real heroes."

The squad, led by Staff Sgt. Brandon Brummett, was securing the building entrance as the infantrymen went inside. At this point some of the building had caught fire and Brummett urged the

infantrymen to pull out to avoid injury.

Both Brummett's squad and the infantrymen were succumbing to the heat. Regardless, Brummett's squad held their position at the building to make sure there were no women and children left inside.

"We worked through it, and it never occurred to us to quit," Brummett said.

Luckily, more members of the 812th soon arrived on the scene. One of them was the company's medic. Kuhner ran back to his location and told the medic, Staff Sgt. Ralf Embro, that the soldiers up at the building were falling out from the heat.

Kuhner told Embro to set up a casualty point in a neighboring building to give medical aid to the fallen soldiers. After taking fire as well from the first building, Embro and his team raced up to the neighboring building and began performing first aid on some heat-exhausted soldiers.

Once inside, they found the infantrymen who needed help. Their water supply was quickly consumed. So Embro and his team went out and found ice blocks to help cool down their fallen comrades.

"It worked out well," said Embro. "MPs and infantrymen came in. We gave them aid. And they went right back out into the fight. It felt really good to do what we were trained to do."

During all of this, Kuhner was running back and forth among his soldiers providing first aid, supporting the squads who were clearing the building, and making coordination with the infantry. Finally, Kuhner himself became a heat casualty.

"He was the one out there making everything happen," said Brummett.

"He impressed me," said Embro. "I would go to battle with him anytime."

When it was all over, the 812th MP Company, the 32nd MP Company, along with some infantrymen, worked together and stopped the threat in the building, and saved the lives of the ambushed soldiers of the 186th MP Company.

"They gave me their all," said Kuhner. "We were not going to leave a fallen soldier behind."

## NEWS

### **At Least 20 Die in U.N. HQ Blast in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A suicide attacker set off a truck bomb on Tuesday outside the hotel housing the U.N. headquarters, U.S. officials said. At least 20 U.N. workers and Iraqis were killed, including the chief U.N. official in Iraq, and 100 were wounded. Sergio Vieira de Mello, a 55-year-old veteran Brazilian diplomat who was nearing the end of his four-month mission, was in his office when the explosion ripped through the building about 4:30 p.m. and was trapped in the rubble.

### **Oral Arguments Set in Fox-Franken Suit**

NEW YORK (AP) - Oral arguments have been scheduled for Friday for the Fox News Channel's lawsuit against humorist Al Franken. U.S. District Judge Denny Chin set the date after a brief hearing Monday. Last week, Fox sued the former "Saturday Night Live" performer and his publisher, the Penguin Group, to stop them from including "fair and balanced" in the title of his upcoming book.

### **Ex-Baylor Player to Appear in Court**

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) - Maryland prosecutors were expected to ask for more time in the extradition to Texas of a former Baylor University basketball player charged with murder in the death of a teammate. Carlton Dotson was to appear in court Tuesday for the first time since July 22, a day after he was arrested and charged with killing former Baylor teammate Patrick Dennehy near Waco, Texas.

## SPORTS

### **Hampton Wins Eighth Straight for Braves**

ATLANTA (AP) -- Mike Hampton was glad to get out of Colorado. Now, he's ready to go back. After two terrible seasons with the Rockies, Hampton has turned things around in Atlanta. He won his eighth in a row Monday, allowing just four hits in eight innings to lead the Braves to a 6-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks. "He's been lights out," said Robert Fick, who drove in three runs for the Braves. "He's throwing strikes and he's getting a lot of groundballs. I wouldn't want to face him." Hampton (11-5) lowered his ERA to 4.04 - quite a change from last year. He had the highest ERA (6.15) among qualifying starters, then was traded to Atlanta during the offseason. His next start comes Saturday at Coors Field. "I have every intention of pitching well there," Hampton said. "I'm going to go in there with a confident mind frame that we're going to win. And I'm not going to change the way I've done things this past month or so."

In other MLB games, it was Montreal 4, San Francisco 0; and New York 8, Colorado 0. Yankees 11, Royals 6. Rangers 4, Tigers 2 in 16 innings and Devil Rays 7, Indians 4 in 13 innings.

### Chaplain's Thought for the Day:

#### *Choices*

The words of Eleanor Roosevelt ring true:

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words. It is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.

"Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve,.... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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### *A Smart Tip From 1AD Safety*

#### WHEN MOUNTING/DISMOUNTING VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT YOU MUST:

- ✓ Maintain three-point contact when mounting or dismounting a piece of equipment (two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot)
- ✓ Do not wear jewelry when riding or working on vehicles (rings can get caught on equipment and pull off a finger)
- ✓ Ensure you remove all tools and debris before dismounting/mounting
- ✓ Ensure all slippery areas are cleaned

## ENTERTAINMENT

### *Top 5 Singles*

- 1 Crazy in Love  
Beyonce featuring Jay-Z
- 2 Right Thurr  
Chingy
- 3 P.I.M.P  
50 Cent
- 4 Shake Ya Tailfeather  
Nelly, P. Diddy & Murphy Lee
- 5 Never Leave You -Uh Ooh, Uh Oooh!  
Lumidee

### *Top 5 Albums*

- 1 Bad Boys II  
Soundtrack
- 2 Now 13  
Various artists
- 3 Fallen  
Evanescence
- 4 Dangerously in Love  
Beyonce
- 5 Jackpot  
Chingy

### *Top 5 Bestsellers*

- 1 Seabiscuit: An American Legend  
Laura Hillenbrand Ballantine
- 2 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix  
J.K. Rowling, art by GrandPré Arthur  
Levine/Scholastic
- 3 The Da Vinci Code  
Dan Brown Doubleday
- 4 Webster's New World Dictionary  
Pocket Books
- 5 The South Beach Diet  
Arthur Agatston Rodale

source: USATODAY

### *Oddly Enough:*

#### **Bride in Conn. Rages at Reception, Jailed**

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. (AP) -- A North Haven bride spent part of her wedding night in a jail cell, after police said she hurled things at reception hall workers who closed the bar. Adrienne T. Samen, 18, was arrested on criminal mischief and breach of peace charges Saturday after police responded to The Mill on the River restaurant. When workers there closed the bar, Samen allegedly began throwing things, including wedding cake and vases. Samen left the restaurant, and police found her walking down the road in her gown. While being taken into custody, police said she kicked the door and window of the police cruiser and tried to bite an officer. She posted a \$1,000 bond and was released Saturday night, police said. She was on her honeymoon Monday. She is due in Manchester Superior Court on Aug. 28.

### *On This Day In History:* *August 20<sup>th</sup> 1968*

On the night of August 20, 1968, approximately 200,000 Warsaw Pact soldiers comprised of Soviet, East German, Polish, Hungarian and Bulgarian troops and 5,000 tanks invade Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring"--a brief period of liberalization in the communist country. Czechoslovakians protested the invasion with public demonstrations and other non-violent tactics, but they were no match for the Soviet tanks. More than 100 protesters were shot to death by Warsaw Pact troops. Armed resistance to the invasion was negligible, but protesters immediately took to the streets, tearing down streets signs in an effort to confuse the invaders. The liberal reforms of First Secretary Alexander Dubcek were repealed and "normalization" began under his successor Gustav Husak

source: historychannel.com

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



**Across**

- 1 Place in a different era
- 7 Bill's line
- 15 Gathers cloth
- 16 Frilly green
- 17 Beneficiaries
- 19 Brownish shade
- 20 Santa \_\_, CA
- 21 Four-legged attraction at the '39 World's Fair
- 22 Princess Leia \_\_
- 24 They, in Torino
- 25 Risk pieces
- 27 Dirty
- 29 George's "Stage Door" collaborator
- 32 Lambs
- 33 Range of Utah
- 35 Absorb, in a way
- 36 Appeared
- 39 NHLer, in headlines
- 40 Water purification agent
- 41 Must
- 42 Twelfth month
- 44 Tutu's home: Abbr.
- 45 Airport announcement
- 46 Russia's longest river
- 48 Less precise
- 50 Medieval African kingdom
- 52 \_\_ crab
- 53 Like some rock
- 56 Gone
- 59 "60 Minutes" forerunner
- 60 Lathe expert
- 61 Borax and Epsom salts
- 62 Leave the field

**Down**

- 1 Reply, shortly
- 2 "Alas!", old-style
- 3 Upset
- 4 Major courses
- 5 "Uno" + "due"
- 6 Apocrypha book
- 7 Lurid details
- 8 Harness racing org.
- 9 Follower of some dates
- 10 Forage plants
- 11 If not
- 12 Brainstorm
- 13 Metric beginning
- 14 \_\_ majesty
- 18 Saturn auto
- 23 Florentine painting surface
- 24 "Alphabet Suite" artist
- 25 First, at first
- 26 Country
- 28 Consort of Louis XIII
- 30 Hawkeye
- 31 Greek peak
- 33 Japanese vegetables
- 34 Penitential sign
- 37 Biblical reformer
- 38 Ancient Greek gym
- 43 Stendhal title part
- 45 Make use of

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- 47 Tariff eliminator
- 49 Fictional cave dweller
- 50 "Imagine!"
- 51 Lewis of music
- 52 Casino device
- 54 Liberated, in Lubeck
- 55 Web-footed creature
- 57 Cable channel
- 58 Certain card's function